

## OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.

## WORKING CLASS COST OF LIVING INDEX NUMBERS FOR K. G. F. AREA FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1943.

## Rise of 0.9 points.

The cost of Living Index Number for Kolar Gold Field area for December 1943, works out to 194.8 which is higher by 0.9 points than the Index for the previous month. As compared with the previous month the Food Index increased by 2.9 points to 217.9 due to rise in the prices of blackgram, dhal, tur dhal, avare dhal, greengram, sugar, meat, shee, onions and tamarind. The Index Number of the fuel and lighting group decreased by 10 points to 185.8 due to a fall in the prices of firewood and kerosine oil. Due to a further fall in the prices of all the items of clothing except coating, the Index Number of the clothing group fell down to 164.4 showing a decrease of 5.9 points below the figure for November 1943. The Index Numbers of the House Rent and Miscellaneous groups remained constant.

Working class cost of Living Index for Kolar Gold Field area.—December 1943. (Average prices from July 1935 to June 1936.—100).

| Articles                     | Unit of quantity | Weights proportional to total expenditure | Average price per unit of quantity |                      |           | Index numbers |
|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------------|
|                              |                  |                                           | Rs. a. p.                          | Year ended June 1936 | Nov. 1943 | Dec. 1943     |
| <b>Food—</b>                 |                  |                                           |                                    |                      |           |               |
| Raw Rice                     | Seer             | 3.5                                       | 0 2 0                              | 0 4 7                | 229       | 229           |
| Boiled Rice                  | "                | 36.9                                      | 0 2 1                              | 0 2 1                | 220       | 220           |
| Ragi                         | "                | 11.1                                      | 0 0 11                             | 0 2 4                | 254       | 254           |
| Blackgram Dhal               | "                | 0.4                                       | 0 2 11                             | 0 8 3                | 283       | 303           |
| Tur Dhal                     | "                | 4.2                                       | 0 2 8                              | 0 7 5                | 278       | 281           |
| Bengalgram Dhal              | "                | 0.8                                       | 0 1 11                             | 0 10 0               | 522       | 478           |
| Avare Dhal                   | "                | 0.6                                       | 0 2 1                              | 0 7 1                | 340       | 344           |
| Greengram                    | "                | 0.6                                       | 0 1 11                             | 0 6 8                | 348       | 352           |
| Sugar                        | "                | 2.8                                       | 0 3 3                              | 0 6 3                | 144       | 150           |
| Jaggery                      | "                | 1.8                                       | 0 4 0                              | 0 11 11              | 192       | 192           |
| Coffee seeds                 | "                | 2.1                                       | 0 3 6                              | 0 5 10               | 167       | 145           |
| Fish                         | "                | 9.0                                       | 0 8 0                              | 0 12 0               | 150       | 175           |
| Meat                         | "                | 2.8                                       | 0 3 3                              | 0 4 0                | 123       | 123           |
| Milk                         | "                | 0.6                                       | 0 2 0                              | 0 2 0                | 100       | 100           |
| Curds                        | "                | 1.1                                       | 0 6 0                              | 0 9 6                | 158       | 161           |
| Ghee                         | "                | 0.8                                       | 0 1 4                              | 0 4 1                | 306       | 425           |
| Onions                       | "                | 3.2                                       | 0 2 0                              | 0 5 2                | 258       | 258           |
| Gingelly oil                 | "                | 0.8                                       | 0 1 2                              | 0 1 5                | 121       | 128           |
| Cocunut                      | "                | 0.6                                       | 0 1 7                              | 0 4 2                | 263       | 263           |
| Groundnut oil                | "                | 1.3                                       | 0 1 2                              | 0 2 3                | 193       | 171           |
| Salt                         | "                | 4.0                                       | 0 7 8                              | 1 5 6                | 280       | 277           |
| Chillies                     | "                | 1.4                                       | 0 2 7                              | 0 7 7                | 294       | 345           |
| Tamarind                     | "                | 1.2                                       | 0 1 4                              | 0 3 7                | 269       | 269           |
| Coriander                    | "                | 0.6                                       | 0 2 0                              | 0 2 3                | 112       | 112           |
| Garlic                       | "                | 0.3                                       | 0 1 2                              | 0 1 2                | 100       | 100           |
| Soji                         | "                | 3.8                                       | 0 12 4                             | 0 12 4               | 100       | 100           |
| Vegetables                   | "                | 3.2                                       | 0 12 3                             | 0 12 3               | 100       | 100           |
| Ready made coffee            | "                | 100.0                                     | ...                                | ...                  | ...       | ...           |
| Total all food               |                  |                                           |                                    |                      | 215       | 217.9         |
| <b>Fuel and Lighting—</b>    |                  |                                           |                                    |                      |           |               |
| Firewood                     | Maund            | 75.1                                      | 0 2 0                              | 0 3 11               | 196       | 183           |
| Castor Oil                   | Seer             | 7.8                                       | 0 2 3                              | 0 5 10               | 259       | 266           |
| Kerosene Oil                 | Bottle           | 12.1                                      | 0 2 3                              | 0 3 9                | 166       | 159           |
| Matches                      | Box of 40 sticks | 5.0                                       | 0 0 3                              | 0 0 5                | 167       | 167           |
| Total fuel and lighting      |                  | 100.0                                     | ...                                | ...                  | ...       | ...           |
| <b>Index Numbers—</b>        |                  |                                           |                                    |                      |           |               |
| Food                         |                  |                                           |                                    |                      | 215       | 217.9         |
| Fuel and Lighting            |                  |                                           |                                    |                      | 196       | 183           |
| Clothing                     |                  |                                           |                                    |                      | 259       | 266           |
| House Rent                   |                  |                                           |                                    |                      | 166       | 159           |
| Miscellaneous                |                  |                                           |                                    |                      | 167       | 167           |
| Total                        |                  |                                           |                                    |                      | ...       | ...           |
| Cost of Living Index Numbers |                  |                                           |                                    |                      | 195.8     | 185.8         |

| Articles                          | Unit of quantity | Weights proportional to total expenditure | Average price per unit of quantity |                      |           | Index numbers |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------------|
|                                   |                  |                                           | Rs. a. p.                          | Year ended June 1936 | Nov. 1943 | Dec. 1943     |
| <b>Clothing—</b>                  |                  |                                           |                                    |                      |           |               |
| Dhories                           | Pair             | 9.3                                       | 2 1 0                              | 4 10 6               | 4         | 7             |
| Cloth for Pyjamas, etc.           | Yard             | 1.7                                       | 0 4 4                              | 0 8 11               | 0         | 8             |
| Coating                           | "                | 20.4                                      | 0 6 5                              | 0 12 0               | 0         | 12            |
| Shirting                          | "                | 14.7                                      | 0 5 0                              | 0 10 9               | 0         | 9             |
| Sarees                            | Each             | 39.4                                      | 3 3 0                              | 4 7 7                | 4         | 6             |
| Cloth for Jackets, etc.           | Yard             | 14.5                                      | 0 5 3                              | 0 7 7                | 0         | 7             |
| Total Clothing                    |                  | 100.0                                     | ...                                | ...                  | ...       | ...           |
| Index Numbers—Clothing            |                  |                                           |                                    |                      | 170.3     | 164.4         |
| House rent                        |                  |                                           |                                    |                      | ...       | ...           |
| Index Numbers—House rent          |                  |                                           |                                    |                      | 0 10 9    | 0 10 9        |
| Miscellaneous                     |                  |                                           |                                    |                      | ...       | ...           |
| Barber                            |                  | 14.5                                      | 0 9 1                              | 0 9 1                | 0         | 9             |
| Soap for washing                  |                  | 20.0                                      | 0 12 6                             | 0 12 6               | 0         | 12            |
| Soapnut powder                    |                  | 5.2                                       | 0 3 3                              | 0 3 3                | 0         | 3             |
| Supari                            |                  | 14.1                                      | 0 8 10                             | 0 8 10               | 0         | 8             |
| Beedies                           |                  | 15.7                                      | 0 9 10                             | 0 9 10               | 0         | 9             |
| Travelling expenses               |                  | 6.7                                       | 0 4 2                              | 0 4 2                | 0         | 4             |
| Flowers                           |                  | 3.9                                       | 0 2 5                              | 0 2 5                | 0         | 2             |
| Amusements                        |                  | 8.1                                       | 0 5 1                              | 0 5 1                | 0         | 5             |
| Charges for grinding              |                  | 6.1                                       | 0 3 10                             | 0 3 10               | 0         | 3             |
| Bedding and household necessities |                  | 5.7                                       | 0 3 6                              | 0 3 6                | 0         | 3             |
| Total                             |                  | 100.0                                     | ...                                | ...                  | ...       | ...           |
| Index Numbers—Miscellaneous       |                  |                                           |                                    |                      | ...       | ...           |
| Food                              |                  |                                           |                                    |                      | ...       | ...           |
| Fuel and Lighting                 |                  |                                           |                                    |                      | ...       | ...           |
| Clothing                          |                  |                                           |                                    |                      | ...       | ...           |
| House Rent                        |                  |                                           |                                    |                      | ...       | ...           |
| Miscellaneous                     |                  |                                           |                                    |                      | ...       | ...           |
| Total                             |                  |                                           |                                    |                      | ...       | ...           |
| Cost of Living Index Numbers      |                  |                                           |                                    |                      | ...       | ...           |

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